



February 6th, 2020

**RE: Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Strike
Increased Fees for Strike Days, effective the week of February 17th, 2020**

Dear Treetop Families,

To date, Treetop has not charged any additional fees to Kindergarten or School-Aged families for the days we have operated "full day" during ETFO Strike Days, as with approval of our Board we have carried contingency within the budget to cover the increased costs of up to five (5) strike days.

As you know, the current teacher's strike remains ongoing, and is a "rolling strike". The first strike day was January 20th, 2020. Today (February 6), and tomorrow (February 7,) are strike days, and as you may have read in yesterday's news, both Tuesday February 11 and Wednesday February 12 were announced as strike days.

Treetop intends to remain open, all day, for all groups (except Nursery), during Strike Days, however in the event the strike continues into the week of February 17th, ***Treetop will need to charge all Kindergarten and School-Age families an additional \$38.00 per day, for each Strike Day we are open.*** This is needed to cover the additional expenses related to added staffing, snacks, lunch, and supplies associated with providing "full day" care on these days. As with PA Days, snacks and lunch will be provided.

Please also note, since we are operating and open during Strike Days this may affect your ability to receive the provincial rebate recently announced by The Ministry of Education in association with this strike, despite the added charge. We are continuing to investigate this issue and will provide any further updates or guidance that we can.

As always, if for any reason the TDSB decides to close school buildings on Strike Days we will have no choice but to also close.

Note, the Nursery Program will be closed on Strike Days. The Preschool Program will be unaffected.

Treetop is a non-profit corporation that strives to meet the needs of all families and we are aware that this additional cost may be a burden for some families. We currently intend to add these charges (if any) to next month's (March) fees. If arrangements need to be made with respect to any additional charges, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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